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SUBJECT: VISA WAIVER PROGRAM: August 1 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
OPTIONAL APPLICATION FOR THE ELECTRONIC SYSTEM FOR TRAVEL
AUTHORIZATION (ESTA) IN JAPAN

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1. The ESTA application system went live in Japan on August 1 and was available for applications in the morning. Embassy Tokyo used two passports for trial applications. Conoff and Locally Engaged Staff filled out ESTA applications using one Japanese and one Danish passport. Post's experience with the system was that it was extremely fast and easy to use. The authorization response came back so quickly that it could not be timed. Post also used the update function successfully. The only difficulty post experienced was in printing out the approval sheet. The print out was too large for the size paper, but the information could be read.

2. Post will be taking a survey of what we see as the major users of the system, Japanese Travel Agencies, in two weeks and will report on our findings.

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